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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Jean Gilbert BOULET, Christophe REULLON  
STABILISER DEVICE FOR ROTARY STRING OF DRILL RODS WITH  
REDUCED FRICTION  
**Assignee: S.M.F. INTERNATIONAL**  
Our Ref. Q76838

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including twenty-eight (28) pages of the specification including eighteen (18) claims, an Abstract of the Disclosure, four (4) sheets of formal drawing containing Figs. 1-8, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, certified priority document, Information Disclosure Statement w/French Search Report, Form PTO/SB/08 A & B and a copy of the cited French reference and Form PTO-1595 and executed Assignment document with required fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>18</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$750.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b>\$750.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment								\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>								<b>\$790.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

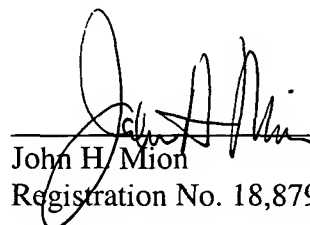
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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	02 10114	August 8, 2002

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



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